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LETTER DATED 2 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit, enclosed herewith, the Joint Communiqué on talks between the President of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tudjman and the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegović, dated 1 November 1992.

I would kindly request your assistance in distributing this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Joint communiqué issued on 1 November 1992 on talks between the President of the Republic of Croatia and the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Croatian President Dr. Franjo Tudjman and the President of the Presidency of Bosnia-Herzegovina Mr. Alija Izetbegović met in Zagreb on Sunday, 1 November 1992.

They reviewed the implementation of the Friendship and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries and discussed a number of topical issues of mutual interest, especially the recent misunderstandings.

President Izetbegović informed President Tudman that next week Bosnia-Herzegovina was going to appoint its ambassador in Zagreb that ask for agreement. The embassies of the two States should be made operative as soon as possible and their services set up in order to assume their respective responsibilities in dealing with a series of questions involved in the relations between the two countries.

The two Presidents agreed that the latest conflicts between some B-H Army units and the Croatian Defence Council (HVO) formations were detrimental to their continued struggle against the joint aggressor. These conflicts should be stopped immediately and the culprits dismissed and punished. Joint unbiased commissions will be set up to determine individual responsibility. Similar occurrences will be avoided in the future through proper actions including urgent formation of a joint command of armed forces of B-H Army and HVO.

The struggle against the Serbian and Montenegrin extremist forces which have waged a war of conquest in Bosnia-Herzegovina and which, helped by Serbia and Montenegro, want to secede the Serbian-populated areas, remains the common goal of both parties. The declaration on the unification of areas occupied in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina - the so-called Republic of Kraina and the so-called Serbian Republic - is a new act of aggression against the two sovereign and internationally recognized States. What it amounts to is a direct crime against peace and international order including the principles of inviolability of State borders. The Presidents welcome the decision of the international community to form a commission for detection and prosecution of war criminals.

The two parties have appointed their representatives in the Joint Committee for Inter-State and Military Cooperation which will start its work immediately.

The two Presidents support in principle the draft constitution of B-H proposed by the Geneva Conference on former Yugoslavia, provided that its final wording should safeguard legitimate interests and equality of Moslem and

Croatian peoples in B-H. Maximum efforts will be made to engage the legitimate representatives of the Serbian people in negotiations aimed at finding a political solution to the future of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

President Izetbegović informed President Tudman on the coming reconstruction of the B-H Government. The post of Prime Minister will be entrusted to a nominee of the Croatian Democratic Union of Bosnia-Herzegovina (HDZBiH). HDZ President Mr. Mate Boban, who attended the meeting, said that the representatives of the Croatian people in B-H had proposed Mr. Miro Lasić as their member within the B-H Presidency.

The talks were attended by Dr. Jure Radić, Head of Presidential Office, Mr. Gojko Sušak, Croatian Defence Minister, General-Major Slobodan Praljak, Deputy Defence Minister, Mr. Mate Boban, President of HDZ BiH, Mr. Hairudin Somun, B-H Presidential Counsellor, and Mr. Šefko Omerbašić, President of Meshihat for Croatia and Slovenia.